

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for lighting a room from the room's ceiling comprising:

means for lighting including at least one lamp and one transformer electrically connected to the lamp, the lamp being either a low voltage or a line voltage lamp; and

a housing for holding the lamp, the housing having an outer surface made of wood, plastic, glass, marble or synthetic, the housing having a first wall, a second wall in spaced relation, opposing and in parallel with the first wall, a third wall connected to and in perpendicular relation with the first wall and second wall; and a fourth wall connected to and in perpendicular relation with the first wall and the second wall and in spaced relation and in parallel with the third wall.

Claim 2 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 1 wherein the housing includes an interior, and an outer layer positioned about the interior, the outer layer having the outer surface, the outer layer made of wood, metal, plastic, glass, marble or synthetic.

Claim 3 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 2 wherein the housing has a rectangular shape.

Claim 4 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 3 wherein the lighting means includes at least a second lamp.

Claim 5 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 4 wherein the lighting means includes a yoke which holds the lamp.

Claim 6 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 5 wherein the lighting means includes a gimbal ring assembly having the yoke for holding the lamp.

Claim 7 (currently amended) An apparatus as described in Claim 6 wherein the ~~housing has~~ first wall and second wall with the third wall and the fourth wall have corners which are mitered, butted, or overlapped.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An apparatus as described in Claim 7 wherein the outer layer is formed of plates that contact the first, second, third and fourth walls.

Claim 9 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 8 wherein the plates are regressed, flush or protruding with respect to the housing circumference.

Claim 10 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 9 wherein the plates are fixed, interchangeable or removable.

Claim 11 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 10 wherein the housing is surface mounted, suspended, semi-recessed, or recessed from the ceiling or wall mounted.

Claim 12 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 11 wherein the lighting means includes a lamp socket for holding the lamp, and the housing includes a metal heat plate disposed adjacent the housing top having an opening through which the socket extends, the metal heat plate transmitting heat away from the lamp socket.

Claim 13 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 12 wherein the transformer is integral or remote from the housing.

Claim 14 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 13 wherein the transformer is attached or detached adjacent the housing.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method for forming a lighting apparatus comprising the steps of:

placing an outer layer about an interior of a housing, the housing having a first wall, a second wall in spaced relation, opposing and in parallel with the first wall, a third wall connected to and in perpendicular relation with the first wall and second wall; and a fourth wall connected to and in perpendicular relation with the first wall and the second wall and in spaced relation and in parallel with the third wall; and

introducing a lamp socket connected to a transformer adjacent the housing for either a low voltage or a line voltage lamp.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method for lighting a room comprising the steps of:

attaching a housing having an interior made of metal or plastic and an outer layer made of wood to a ceiling, the housing having a first wall, a second wall in spaced relation, opposing and in parallel with the first wall, a third wall connected to and in perpendicular relation with the first wall and second wall; and a fourth wall connected to and

in perpendicular relation with the first wall and the second wall and in spaced relation and in parallel with the third wall; and

introducing a low voltage or a line voltage lamp into a lamp socket connected to a transformer adjacent the housing.